

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KELLY GEBHARDT, on January 9, 2009 at
3:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 3, 1/1/2009; SB 5, 1/1/2009

Executive Action: SB 3, 1/1/2009

Senators Keane and Peterson were present after the Roll Call had been called.

HEARING ON SB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:37 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R)**, **SD 28**, opened the hearing on **SB 3**, Revise procedures for Land Banking program sales and exchanges.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:20 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers' Association

00:11:40 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers' Association

Informational Testimony:

00:12:40 Mary Sexton, Director Department Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:54 Sen. Jim Peterson

00:16:31 Sen. Essmann

00:17:15 Sen. Peterson

00:18:30 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

00:19:33 Sen. Peterson

00:20:10 Sen. Essmann

00:20:57 Chairman Gebhardt

00:22:32 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:40 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:44 SEN. RON ERICKSON (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 5**, Land board approval for abandoned mine and reclamation program land transactions.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:40 Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:30:18 Sandi Olson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:46 Sen. Debby Barrett

00:31:20 Sen. Erickson

00:31:49 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

00:32:13 Sen. Barrett

00:32:27 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

00:32:50 Chairman Gebhardt

00:33:34 Sen. Wanzenreid

00:33:48 Jeannie Homelgren, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:35 Sen, Erickson

Discussion

00:38:03 Sen. Peterson

00:38:16 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

00:38:45 Sen. Peterson

00:38:55 Ms. Sexton, DNRC

00:39:08 Sen. Peterson

00:39:20 Chairman Gebhardt

00:39:33 Sen. Peterson

00:39:38 Sen. Perry

00:39:46 Sen. Peterson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 3

Discussion:

00:41:16 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that **SB3 DO PASS.**

00:41:20 Sen. Peterson

00:41:32 **Motion:** SEN. PERRY moved that **SB 3 BE TABLED.**
Without objection, SEN. PERRY withdrew the motion to
Table SB 3.

00:41:40 **Motion:** SEN. PERRY moved that **SB 3 DO PASS.**
Without objection, Sen Perry withdrew the **DO PASS** motion

00:41:47 **Motion:** SEN. PETERSON moved that **SB 3 DO PASS.**

00:43:19 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. PERRY moved that **SB 3 BE**
TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Other Business:

00:46:58 Sonja Nowakowski, Legal Environmental Policies Office,
Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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